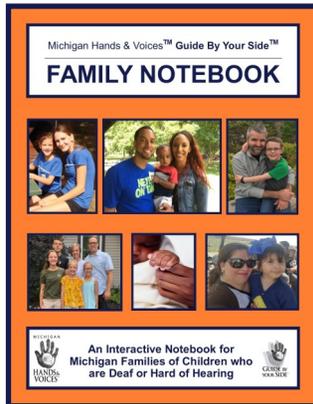


## Our Parent Guides Offer:

- Unbiased support.
- Free visits with you in your home or online.
- Free copy of the **Family Notebook**, written by Michigan parents and professionals.



- Practical solutions to everyday challenges.
- Connections to resources.
- Initial free membership period with Michigan Hands & Voices.
- Guidance for working with professionals.
- Experience with all levels of deafness/hearing loss.

## Get Started Today

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### Next Steps:

- The GBYS Coordinator will contact you to connect you with your Parent Guide.
- Your Parent Guide will contact you to set up your first visit.
- Work with your Parent Guide about how often you will meet.

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## Parent to Parent Connection

For families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing



A free program of:



## Guide By Your Side™ (GBYS)

At Michigan Hands & Voices, we understand the power of parents sharing and connecting. In our GBYS Program, your family can meet with a Parent Guide.



Parent Guides are parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, who use their real-life experiences to assist other families. They are trained to help develop a new family's knowledge, sense of empowerment, and well-being.



*"GBYS... offered me a support system I wasn't sure I needed or wanted. After the visit, I am very relieved to know I have support from others dealing with similar situations."*



*"I had so many questions about day-to-day things, and she had so many answers."*



*"I feel more confident with my son and that he will have a bright future."*



## You may be thinking. . .

**"I'm not ready. I'm overwhelmed."**  
Many families wished they had started sooner. Your child is ready.

**"I don't know what to ask."**  
We are trained to get the conversation started.

**"We have too many appointments."**  
A visit with a Parent Guide can help you get the most out of your appointments. We are flexible on location and time.

**"I don't need 'support'."**  
Great! We will share helpful resources.

**"You won't have a Parent Guide near me."**  
Not true! We have Parent Guides all over Michigan. We also can provide services through an online format.

**Don't wait to get started!**

